

Application form: Community Planning program and Local Technical Assistance program

DEADLINE: Noon on Wednesday, June 26, 2013

This application form is online at www.rtachicago.com/applications. You may submit the form by email to applications@rtachicago.com.

Upon receipt of application, you will receive an e-mail verifying that your application has been received.

- 1. Name of Applicant: Bronzeville Urban Development
- 2. Main Contact for Application (please include name, phone number and email):

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3. Type of Applicant (please check any that apply):	
Local government	
v_ Multijurisdictional group* ————	Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations): 1. Bronzeville Community Development Partnership 2. Black Metropolis National Heritage Area 3. Bronzeville Area Residence and Commerce Council 4. Illinois Institute of Technology IPro Program (Urban Agriculture) 5. Quad Communities Development Corporation 6. Blacks In Green 7. Bronzeville Alliance/Bronzeville Retail Initiative 8. Bronzeville Urban Development 9. Environmental Protection Agency Region V
Nongovernmental organization*	Name of local government partner(s): 3 rd and 4 th Ward

^{*}Applications submitted by multijurisdictional groups and nongovernmental organizations must include a letter indicating support from each relevant local government. See the FAQs for more information. Nongovernmental

applicants are strongly encouraged to contact CMAP or the RTA prior to submitting their application to discuss their project and the demonstration of local support.

4. Project Type (please check any that apply):

Please check all statements below that describe characteristics of your project. (This will help us determine whether your project is best handled by CMAP or RTA.)

X My project involves preparation of a plan.
My project helps to implement a past plan.
X My project links land use, transportation, and housing.
X My project has direct relevance to public transit and supports the use of the existing transit system.
My project is not directly related to transportation or land use, but implements GO TO 2040 in other ways.

5. Project Location:

Please provide a brief description of the location of your project. You may include a map if that helps to describe location, but this is not required. If your project helps to implement a past plan, please include a link to that plan. (See attached links) see page 4 of 6

6. Project Description:

Please tell us what you would like to do in your community, and what assistance is needed. If you have more than one idea, please submit a separate application for each project. Please be specific, but also brief (less than two pages per project idea)—we simply want to have a basic understanding of what you want to do. CMAP and RTA staff will follow-up with you if we need any additional information to fully understand your proposed project.

The south side and particularly Bronzeville are very grateful for the assistance from CMAP. This proposed project involving the large brownfield area identified above has not been included in previous requests though it is the largest identified brownfield area in Bronzeville. From 2010 to 2012 Bronzeville Urban Development has worked with Region V EPA to complete phase 1 and 2 environmental testing.

Since 1957 this property has been viewed as an eyesore, obstruction between areas of Bronzeville and a site prone to exploration and use by area young people. It can be an addition to the wonderful efforts already in Bronzeville. We are working with IIT through IPro, Leana Flowers through the Bronzeville Alliance, Paula Robinson via Black Metropolis National Heritage Area and Bronzeville Community Development Partnership to address the use of the land being donated to our organization but the scope of this endeavor and the connection to the other projects in Bronzeville requires expert assistance for land use planning. We are asking for assistance from CMAP to assemble a logical and well thought out land use plan. The following are uses we have discussed but analyzing the overall use of streets, access, programs and adjusting plans to suit and complement the partner activities is beyond our scope. For example is it feasible to put in a trial like the Freedom Trail in Boston to link the projects? Considering the prohibitive cost for razing the land, how do we best put it to use? Unlike the Bloomingdale line, this property is located basically in a residential community thus creating some specific challenges. How do we protect privacy yet get maximum use of the land to the benefit of the total community?

- 1. Possible Uses of Site on embankment
 - a. Aquaponics
 - b. S.T.E.A.M. education
 - c. Agricultural research
 - d. Murals on embankment walls down 40th Street

- e. Restoration of murals at King drive (currently under way for summer 2013)
- f. Great Migration tour at street level adjacent to embankment)
- 2. Sites (lots in donation agreement) along embankment near Green Line
 - a. Bike rental
 - b. Bike lock up
 - c. Car/ electric moped charge
 - d. Dog play lots
 - e. Seating areas to view murals

The proposed uses augment existing projects

- 1. Cottage Grove Beautification (see Appendix A)
- 2. QCDC (see Appendix B) resurfacing embankment and controlling weed tree growth
- 3. Center for New Horizons providing source of healthy vegetables, fruits and fish. Providing S.T.E.A.M project based learning
- 4. Bronzeville retail initiative- providing products for local stores and restaurants (Urban Juncture efforts)
- 5. Blacks in Green[™]- agriculture training, greenhouse storage for future planting in West Woodlawn projects

Overall Community Benefit

- 1. Added security and safety (well lighted and not easily accessible to trespass)
- 2. Source of fresh foods for community schools
- 3. Can be utilized for workforce development projects in the food production, distribution industry
- 4. S.T.E.A.M. education (Sweet Water, The Mycelia Project, community schools)
- 5. Higher education research (agriculture programs, apiaries, horticulture)
- 6. Research in alternative energy use in urban environment, wind and solar
- 7. Launching vehicle for associated business
 - a. Tours
 - b. Delivery service (for vegetables, herbs and fish)
 - c. Test kitchen to develop products grown on site
 - d. Greenhouse rental space for McCormick Place, i.e. flower show

(Please include any additional information that is relevant, preferably by providing links to online documents.)

BUD on Facebook

IPro Urban Agriculture

5. Project Location

The project site encompasses approximately 6 acres of brownfield stretching from Lake Park to State Street. Two large lots west of State Street (included in the donation agreement to BUD) are not shown on this map because to date environmental testing is not completed for those sections.

Map



The Kenwood elevated embankment runs from Lake Park to State Street, bisecting Bronzeville. The eastern border is located within the QCDC planning project and Cottage Grove Beautification Project*

*the embankment is not included in those redevelopment plans

The property extends westerly and runs parallel to redevelopment plans headed by The Bronzeville Alliance/ Retail Corridor between 43rd and 39th Streets*

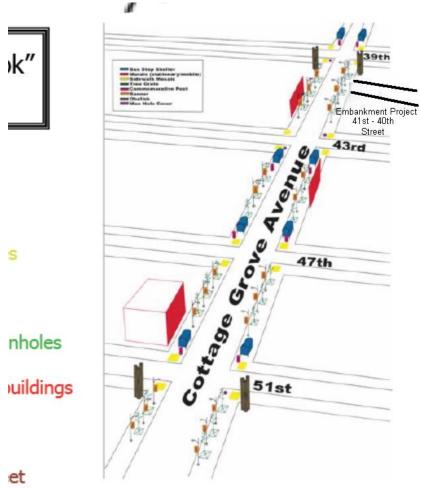
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Black Metropolis National Heritage Area (BMNHA) planning requesting inclusion of Kenwood Rail embankment as partner because of historic importance to Bronzeville (Migration and Stockyard)

Links

Kenwood Branch (Map of original railway) QuadCommunities

IPro movie about site



Appendix A

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This is the embankment at Drexel.

Plan to enhance site by utilizing top
of structure.



This 1976 mural, recently restored, is on the former Kenwood Branch elevated embankment at 41st and Drexel.

Chicago's historic Mid-South Side, once a capital of culture and commerce that inspired America with the jazz of Louis Armstrong and the moral clarity of activist Ida B. Wells, is again on the threshold of greatness.

Getting there is squarely up to us.

It is we, the people, families and stakeholders who stayed and struggled through the hard times, alongside many new residents, who will determine what this community will become. Will it be a collection of strangers, of look-alike condo developments and chain retail strips? Or a community of neighbors, a vibrant and interesting place, where families of diverse backgrounds and incomes can grow and prosper in an atmosphere of mutual support and respect?

That is the challenge facing Quad Communities as change sweeps across the four south-lakefront neighborhoods officially known as Kenwood, Oakland, Douglas and Grand Boulevard. Here, the Chicago Housing Authority, in partnership with private and non-profit developers and community leaders, is transforming public housing, replacing poor enclaves with mixed-income developments intended to foster a feeling of community. Here Chicago has launched a major effort to improve its schools. Here city planners and community leaders are drafting ideas for revitalizing commercial streets, including Cottage Grove Avenue and 39th, 43rd, 47th, and 51st streets. And here the Chicago Park District and the Chicago

Department of Environment are changing the face of Burnham Park on Lake Michigan.

Most of all, here is Chicago's next up-and-coming neighborhood. With an excellent location close to downtown and reknowned institutions and organizations, the Quad Communities area has been rediscovered by older families and young professionals alike. Alongside 110-year-old row houses and greystone mansions, more than 5,000 new units of housing are built, under construction or planned. A dedicated core of longtime residents—people who kept faith even as Quad Communities' population fell by 120,000 over 40 years—is determined to participate in the revival that their hard work and endurance helped ignite.

The goal of Quad Communities' quality-of-life plan is to build upon this momentum and shape a new community that is a great place to live and work for longtime residents and newcomers alike. More than 200 community representatives, working with and through a Planning Task Force, helped craft a unified vision of that future community. The Quad Communities Development Corporation seeks to serve as custodian of the vision by implementing the following strategies: